



Canadian Road Safety News Digest

A monthly compilation of national, provincial and local news stories on road safety

For the Period November 1-30, 2021

Winter driving more than doubles the risk of crash in Northern B.C.: Road Safety at Work

November 09, 2021, Energetic City (FORT ST. JOHN, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

The increase in vehicle incidents in the Peace region highlights the importance for drivers in Northern B.C. to take necessary precautions.

The Shift Into Winter campaign looks to help drivers with useful tips to understand and mitigate the risk of winter driving.

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Government Introduces Stiffer Penalties for Stunting, Racing, And Excessive Speeding

November 10, 2021, Government of Saskatchewan (REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN)

Amendments to *The Traffic Safety Act* were introduced today in the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly to target drivers who speed, stunt or race.

The changes will allow police to immediately suspend driver's licences and impound vehicles if a driver is charged with stunting, racing, or excessive speeding.

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Study finds no increase in traffic injuries after cannabis legalization

November 10, 2021, University of British Columbia (VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA)

In a [new study](#), UBC Northern Medical Program Professor [Dr. Russ Callaghan](#) has found that the 2018 legalization of cannabis in Canada was not associated with increases in traffic injuries.

Dr. Callaghan and his team looked at weekly provincial counts of traffic-injury emergency department (ED) presentations of all drivers and youth drivers in Alberta and Ontario, the only two Canadian provinces capturing all ED visits occurring in the general population. Youth were defined as individuals aged 14-17 years in Alberta and 16-18 in Ontario.

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Police on P.E.I. get new tool to combat drug impaired driving

November 17, 2021, CBC News (CHARLOTTETOWN, PRICE EDWARD ISLAND)

Police on Prince Edward Island are now using a new tool to deal with drug impaired driving in the province.

SoToxa is a handheld drug screening device which reads oral swabs for traces of THC, the main psychoactive compound in marijuana.

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Human life at the center of new Sûreté du Québec road safety plan for 2021-2026

November 19, 2021, Global News (QUÉBEC)

The [Sûreté du Québec](#) says human life remains at the center of its new road safety plan.

Unveiled on Thursday the provincial police force announced its revamped strategy for the 2021-2026 period.

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Saskatoon city council votes to extend school zone times

November 23, 2021, CTV News (SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN)

Saskatoon city council has voted to extend the time reduced speed zones are in effect near schools.

Starting next year, they would run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. rather than the 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. period currently covered.

Additionally, the speed zones will be in effect the entire year.

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City's Vision Zero Action Plan Sets Path for Zero Fatal and Serious Collisions

November 24, 2021, City of Mississauga (MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO)

Today, Council approved the City of Mississauga's first-ever [Vision Zero Action Plan](#) (VZAP). This plan consists of 99 actions to help Mississauga reach its [Vision Zero](#) goal of zero fatal and serious collisions on the road network. The VZAP provides a toolkit that City staff can apply to current and future road projects to protect Mississauga's road users.

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Québec increasing enforcement against impaired driving

November 24, 2021, The Review (QUÉBEC CITY, QUEBEC)

Beginning November 26, all of Québec's police services, in collaboration with the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ), will intensify their interventions against impaired driving until January 3, 2022. The extra enforcement is part of a project to target impaired driving resulting from alcohol and drug use.

Roadside checks will be held throughout Québec, during the day, evening and night. In addition, an awareness campaign will be held on the social media platforms of various police services and the SAAQ reminding drivers of the consequences of impaired driving.

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Speed Limits Lowered in 77 Neighbourhoods with More to Come

November 29, 2021, City of Mississauga (MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO)

The City has been lowering speed limits in Mississauga neighbourhoods to make residential streets safer for everyone using them. Speed is a contributing factor in approximately one-third of fatal collisions according to the Ontario Traffic Council. Lower speeds are a proven way to reduce the severity of injuries in the event of a collision.

To date, speed limits have been lowered from 50 km/h to 40 km/h in 77 neighbourhoods. More than 130 School Zones have also been lowered from 40 km/h to 30 km/h. Work will continue in 2022 to lower speed limits in even more neighbourhoods across the city.

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